

ABSTRACT

The present invention allows a person to add TV program information into an electronic calendar of a multimedia apparatus. A user accesses an electronic programming guide and selects a program of interest from the guide. The guide is stored either at a remote location, or locally after having been downloaded from a source. Upon selection of a TV program in the guide, an entry is then automatically entered into the user's electronic calendar at the appropriate day and time using the information from the guide corresponding to the selected TV program. The entry displayed can be the name of the selected program and the channel of its broadcast. At the time of the broadcast of the selected program, an indication may be displayed on the television as a reminder. The user may alternatively enter the appropriate G-code directly in the electronic calendar. The multimedia apparatus will then, in background and without interrupting the electronic calendar function, retrieve from the guide TV program information corresponding to the G-code.